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Via Federal Express

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Marc Cooperman
Jumpstart Technologies, Inc.
251 E. 32nd Street
Suite 6D
New York, NY 10016-6304

RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/545,589
"Method and System for Digital Watermarking"
Our Reference: 066603.0123

Dear Mr. Cooperman:

I represent Wistaria Trading, Inc., which is the assignee of all rights which The Dice Company has in and to the above identified patent application. I understand that you are identified as an inventor in the above referenced application which is a continuation of another application, U.S. patent application number 08/674,726, filed July 2, 1996. I also understand that you are under an obligation to assign your rights in the above identified application to The Dice Company. As The Dice Company has assigned all rights to this application to Wistaria Trading, Inc., your obligation to assign your rights to The Dice Company would obligate you to assign your rights to Wistaria Trading, Inc.

I therefore request you to execute the following documents and have them returned to me on or before August 7, 2000:

1. Assignment of application to Wistaria Trading, Inc.;
2. Small Entity Statement as an independent inventor;
3. Declaration supporting inventorship; and
4. Copy of Specification as filed.

I have enclosed a return Federal Express envelope addressed to my attention for your convenience in returning the signed and dated documents. If we do not hear from you by August 7, 2000, we will proceed without your assistance.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Floyd B. Chapman".

Floyd B. Chapman

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Enclosures

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Marc Cooperman, residing at 2929 Ramona, Palo Alto, California, 94308, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING

described in an application for United States Letters Patent filed on April 7, 2000, and accorded Application No. 09/545,589;

AND, WHEREAS, Wistaria Trading, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Florida, located at 16711 Collins Avenue, #2505, Miami, Florida, 33160 (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, my entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said improvements, said United States application, any other United States applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said improvements, any foreign applications, including international and regional applications, based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said improvements, and in and to any and all letters patent, including extensions thereof, of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said improvements or any parts thereof;

AND I hereby agree for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further documents and instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in the prosecution of said above-referenced application or in the preparation or prosecution of any continuing, substitute, divisional, renewal, reexamination or reissue application or in any amendments, extensions or interference proceedings, or other applications for patents of any region or country, that may be necessary to secure to ASSIGNEE its interest and title in and to said improvements or any parts thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND I hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that I have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said improvements, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed, my right, title and interest in said improvements had not been otherwise encumbered, and that I have not and will not execute any instrument in conflict therewith;

AND I do hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all letters patent which may be granted upon said United States applications, or upon said improvements or any parts thereof when granted, to said ASSIGNEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Date

Marc Cooperman

County of

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) ss:

State of

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On this _____ day of _____, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared _____, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Attorney Docket No.: 066603.0123

Inventor: Marc Cooperman

Appl. No.: 09/545,589

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL WATERMARKING

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **Z-TRANSFORM IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL WATERMARKS** described in

(check one)

☐ the specification filed herewith

☒ application serial no.

09/545,589

, filed

April 7, 2000

☐ patent no.

, issued

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

(check one)

☐ no such person, concern, or organization

☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME Wistaria Trading, Inc.

ADDRESS 16711 Collins Avenue, #2505, Miami, Florida 33160

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☒ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee of any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Marc Cooperman

NAME OF INVENTOR

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

DATE

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